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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2006, to which a response is due without an extension by January 24, 2006. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.